**Constitution of Committee to Review Hank Yarn Rules**

†2196. SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI: Will be Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been constituted by Government to review the rules regarding the Hank Yarn;

(b) if so, by when the report of the said Committee in this regard is likely to be received by Government;

(c) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Handloom Industry to discontinue the mandatory use of 50 per cent Hank Yarn in the spinning mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No Sir, the Ministry of Textiles has not constituted any committee to review the Order relating to hank yarn packing obligation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d)The Ministry of Textiles has not received any representation from the handloom industry to withdraw the hank yarn packing notification, which makes it mandatory for the spinning mills to pack at least 50% of their yarn delivered for domestic consumption, in hank form. However, there were representations from the spinning industry either to withdraw the hank yam packing notification or to reducethe percentage of obligation from 50% to 30%. There were also requests from the handloom industry to continue the existing hank yarn packing notification and ensure its strict implementation. All such requests were considered in the review held by the Ministry of Textiles during August, 2002 and it was decided to continue the existing hank yarn packing notification, to ensure the availability of hank yarn, which is the main raw material for the handloom sector, which provides employment to about 124 lakh persons mostly in the rural areas.

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